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SUBJECT: EC-GDR RELATIONS

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1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS MADE SLOW BUT REASONABLY STEADY PROGRESS
ON ITS PROPOSAL TO THREATEN THE GDR AS A "THIRD COUNTRY" FOR THE
PURPOSES OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY AND THE COMMON
AGRICULTURAL POLICY (SEE REFTELS). (UNDER THE COMMON COMMERCIAL
POLICY THIS WOULD MEAN THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF "INTER-
ZONAL" TRADE BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG, THE COMMUNITY
WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRADE MATTERS BETWEEN EC MEMBER
STATES AND THE GDR.) THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTA-
TIVES (COREPER) LAST SUMMER TURNED BACK THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL
SAYING THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO TAKE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE
BEFORE HAVING A COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE CHANGES IN COMMUNITY
REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED. THIS STUDY
HAS TAKEN
SOME TIME TO COMPLETE BUT IS NOW READY.

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2. COMMISSION AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONSOURCES HAVE TOLD US

THAT THERE IS NOW BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE PROPOSAL AND THAT IT IS EXPECTED TO BE FORWARDED BY COREPER TO THE COUNCIL WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY. A BRITISH SOURCE INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT THE DUTCH AND BELGIANS ARE LIKELY TO ASK FOR STRICT CONTROLS TO PREVENT GOODS WHICH HAVE ENTERED THE FRG FROM THE GDR ON A DUTY FREE BASIS FROM SPILLING OVER INTO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY. THE PROPOSAL IS TO BE TAKEN UP BY COREPER DURING MARCH AND IS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL LATE IN MARCH OR EARLY IN APRIL.

3. FOR AMEMBASSY BERLIN: WE ARE POUCHING REFELS FYI.
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